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Sir:

Please amend claim 1, in its first line, by deleting "(or similar)".

Please amend each of claims 2 through 12, claim 13, in its second line, and each of claims 14 through 19, in its first line, by changing "where" to --wherein--.

Please further amend claim 5, in its first line, by changing "any preceding claims" to --claim 1, 2 or 3--.

Please further amend each of claims 7, 8, 9, and 13, in its first line, by changing "claims" to --claim--.

Please further amend claim 11, in its second line, by changing "and the" to --having a-- and, in its third line between "plate" and "includes", by inserting --that--.

Please add claims 20 through 25, as follows:

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20. A distributed stereo audio system according to claim 4, wherein the amplifier is based on an integrated circuit amplifier.

21. A distributed stereo audio system according to claim 20, wherein the amplifier is constructed to fit into a standard electrical light switch housing.

22. A distributed stereo audio system according to claim 11, wherein the signals are modulated before transmission to an infrared emitter which directly controls the audio components.

23. A distributed stereo audio system according to claim 22, wherein the amplifier accepts standard line level signals from the audio source components.

24. A distributed stereo audio system according to claim 12, wherein the signals are modulated before transmission to an infrared emitter which directly controls the audio components.

25. A distributed stereo audio system according to claim 24, wherein the amplifier accepts standard line level signals from the audio source components.

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